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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STEVEN V. SCHNEIDER, Ph.D. ORDER GRANTING

Respondent THIRTY DAY STAY

On October 8, 1999, the Psychology Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice psychology in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period of not less than one year, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that he participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, and that he participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in his blood or urine on a frequency of not less than twice per week. The Order also required that prior to commencing the practice of psychology, respondent provide the board with a description of the proposed practice for board determination whether that practice must be carried out only under the supervision of a designated professional monitor approved in advance by the board.

By letter dated October 1, 2000, respondent requested a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and he appeared before the board at its meeting of February 7, 2001, in support of his request. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, including information relating to apparent violations of the board's Final decision and Order in this matter, the board orders as follows:

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Steven V. Schneider, Ph.D., be, and hereby is, stayed for a period of 30 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Schneider may apply for a further three month stay of the suspension, which application shall be considered by the board at its meeting of March 13, 2001, if the following materials are received not later than March 6, 2001:

- a. A Nature of Intended Practice of Psychology form setting forth all intended areas of practice, and accompanied by evidence of training or supervised practice supporting the areas of practice not included on his Nature of Intended Practice form dated March 12, 1986.
- b. The name of a professional mentor for the board's approval. If Dr. Schneider is requesting approval of Dr. Smail, information establishing that Dr. Smail has expertise in Dr. Schneider's areas of intended practice shall be included.
- c. Any reports required under the board's Order which are due on or before the date of the board's March 13, 2001, meeting.
- d. An explanation of why Dr. Schneider resigned from his most recent employment at the methadone clinic.
- e. The names and addresses of all current medical or mental health treatment providers, along with frequency of treatment sessions and treatment goals.
- f. A written explanation of his violation of the requirement set forth in the board's Order that Dr. Schneider refrain from all personal uses of controlled substances except when necessitated by a legitimate medical condition, and then only with the prior approval of the Supervising Health Care Provider.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Schneider shall see his two existing clients only under the supervision of an interim supervisor, whose identity shall be provided to the board along with the foregoing material. Dr. Schneider shall not take on any new clients until a professional mentor has been approved by the board.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2001.

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PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

Barbara A. Van Horne, Ph.D.

Chair